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E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
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Hongkong, March 10, 1915. 250

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Notice is further given that on and after 1st May, next, daily return Tickets and Annual Tickets will be abolished.

By Order of the Directors,
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
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BY TELEGRAPH.

THE WAR.

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5.)

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BRITISH TRANSPORT ATTACKED.

TURKISH TORPEDO-BOAT DESTROYED.

LONDON, April 17.

The Admiralty announces that the British transport Manitou, carrying troops, was attacked by a Turkish torpedo-boat which fired three torpedoes at her. All missed their mark, however. The torpedo-boat retired but was chased by the cruiser Minerva and destroyed and finally was run ashore and destroyed on the coast of Chios, the crew being made prisoners.

It is reported that about one hundred men aboard the transport lost their lives through drowning, but full particulars have not yet been received.

LONDON, April 18.

There was great excitement at Chios at the chase of the Turkish destroyer by the Allies' warships.

The weather was of the roughest, and the destroyer emerged from the Gulf of Smyrna and succeeded in eluding the vigilance of the Allies. She swung around Chios hotly pursued, and came up with the Manitou at which she launched torpedoes. These missed and the Manitou proceeded. The destroyer then tried to dodge among the small islands trusting in a knowledge of the channels, but soon realised that the game was up.

The Captain beached the ship on the rocks.

Twenty-five Turks and five Germans, including the Captain, were captured by the Greek authorities, and will be interned until the end of the war.

FRENCH BOMBARDMENT OF EL ARISH.

LONDON, April 17.

A Paris communiqué states that yesterday a French battleship, supporting an aeroplane reconnaissance, successfully bombarded enemy works at El Arish where there was a concentration of Turkish troops.

BABATEPEH BOMBARDED.

LONDON, April 18.

A telegram from Constantinople states that H.M.S.'s Majestic, and Swallow bombarded Babatepeh on the 15th inst.

EYE-WITNESS' INTERESTING REPORT.

GERMAN SOLDIERS "INCREASINGLY PESSIMISTIC."

The "Eye-Witness" in a report says:

There has been the usual shelling to report, but no engagement of special importance. The British marksmanship lately has had many successes, and it is claimed to have disposed of 18 snipers in three days. We exploded a mine at De Touquet on the 9th inst., under a wall forming part of the front of the enemy line. Despite the difficulty of excavation in a waterlogged area, the operation proved a complete success; an enormous crater replaced the loopholed wall. The German losses must have been considerable, as the wall and neighbouring trenches were fully maintained. The following day the enemy fired a mine under our trenches without causing any damage. According to a German deserter the enemy's bread rations have been further reduced, and now one loaf daily has to be divided among four men. He says that although not fully recovered from his wound, he was sent back to the front. Many men had been deterred from deserting because they were peasant proprietors, and would lose everything by so doing.

Letters found upon German soldiers show that they had become increasingly pessimistic, although efforts have been made to prevent civilians referring to the food question when writing to the front. The general state of mind in the enemy's ranks is hard to realise. The discipline is principally due to fear, the men being in terror of their officers, who behave with a truculence befitting slave-drivers and use the "cat-o'-nine-tails." It has been well established in the case of a soldier captured at Neuve Chapelle that they are in such fear of the officers that there is a general atmosphere of distrust among the men, who do not care to speak to one another of their grievances, in case their complaints reach the ears of their seniors. The slightest fault is punished with extreme severity, the offender often being tied to a tree for hours.

These methods, however, seem to suit the German temperament. Though having a degrading effect upon the men, who are gradually brutalised, most of the acts of savagery are perpetrated by men belonging to the active army or older men exposed to these methods of training. There is a marked difference with more recent recruits. The system of bullying and the exercise of brute force has tended to fill all ranks with an overwhelming sense of the power and invincibility of the army, and imbued the soldiers with a sense of their collective superiority over the rest of the world. While this confidence is diminishing it can only be dissipated by a defeat which can neither be concealed nor explained away.

In conclusion, the "Eye-Witness" mentions a humorous incident that occurred on 1st April. An aviator dropped a football in the Lille Aerodrome. As it slowly fell, the Germans were seen scurrying for shelter. The ball rebounding to a tremendous height probably led them to suspect a new devilish trick, and not till the ball finally came to rest did the Germans emerge from their shelters, to read thereon "April fool. Gott Strafe England."

FIFTEEN THOUSAND TURKS PUT TO FLIGHT.

BAYONETTED OUT OF THEIR TRENCHES BY THE BRITISH.

LONDON, April 16.

The Press Bureau announces that the British offensive was continued on the 14th instant in the direction of Zobeir (Asiatic Turkey), four miles southward of Shabia fort. Our troops drove the Turks from their advanced posts and then attacked the Turkish main line at Birjisenwood.

The enemy numbered at least fifteen thousand, including six regular battalions with six guns in well-concealed trenches.

After the most determined resistance the enemy were driven out of the trenches at the point of the bayonet by a charge along the whole line. Thanks to the pluck and determination of the British and Indian troops, the enemy's position was captured in the afternoon.

The British casualties numbered seven hundred.

The Turks are so severely handled that they retired nineteen miles north-west of Zobeir.

MR. ROOSEVELT ON THE UNITED STATES' DUTY.

LONDON, April 16.

Ex-President Roosevelt, replying to a correspondent, vigorously attacks the peace movement in America. He says it is base and evil to clamour for peace when silence is being kept on the hideous wrongs done to humanity in Belgium, which had been trampled in bloody mire. He says, "Let the people advocating from the platform principles of peace hold a meeting and specifically denounce the invasion of Belgium, and demand that the United States do what it can to stop those wrongs."

Mr. Roosevelt characterises the failure of the United States to take her stand on behalf of Belgium as a "peculiarly ignoble abandonment of national duty."

BY TELEGRAPH.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

LONDON, April 17.
Today's Paris communiqué says:—There is nothing to report.

APPRECIABLE PROGRESS.

LONDON, April 18, 12.35 a.m.
The Paris evening communiqué states: We have made appreciable progress in the Vosges and also on both banks of the Fecht. We seized a spur on the north bank, west of Metzval. On the southern bank was Chausseneau brilliantly carried a summit at Schalpfenrichkopf, which was the culmination of a massif separating two valleys meeting at Metzval. A British aeroplane brought down a German aeroplane at Boesinghe. The pilot was killed and the observer captured.

Three German counter-attacks at Notre Dame-de-Lorette were stopped short by our troops who solidly organised the ground won.

Heavy artillery bombarded the caves at Fusly, in Alsace, where the Germans sheltered. Explosions indicated that several of them collapsed. Artillery combats were continued at Bois Mort Mare, but they were not followed by any infantry actions.

A French dirigible bombarded the station and aviation sheds at Freiburg and Brossigk.

GERMAN OFFICER'S CRIME.

Murder of British Schoolmaster.

LONDON, April 17.

Great Britain, through the American Ambassador at Berlin, has protested in the strongest possible terms against the shooting of a British schoolmaster named Hadley in a train between Berlin and Cologne on August 3 by a German officer, who was afterwards court-martialed and acquitted. The protest says that whatever provocation the officer received, the shooting can only be described as murder.

CANADA'S WHEAT SUPPLY.

LONDON, April 17.

Reuter's Winnipeg correspondent telegraphs that the Saskatchewan Government reports an increase of three quarters of a million acres under wheat.

BULGARIA AND THE ENTENTE.

An Important Statement.

LONDON, April 17.

The Daily Mail's Sofia correspondent says that the Premier of Bulgaria, M. Radovska, has acknowledged the possibility of Bulgaria joining the Entente owing to Germany's refusal to deliver munitions paid for, or to make in April a loan advance as agreed.

THE GREEK POLITICAL CRISIS.

LONDON, April 17.

A noteworthy change has taken place in the attitude of the Government and the Press, under the influence of a general feeling in the country. It is believed that this foreshadows a modification of the policy of the Cabinet.

FORTY BOMBS DROPPED NEAR METZ.

Power Station, Magazine and Shell Factory Attacked.

LONDON, April 17.

The Paris evening communiqué says: Our aviators have been most active. They dropped forty bombs on the electric station at Maisières, which supplies the fortress town of Metz with power and lighting.

Dense smoke was seen rising from the central building.

Reuter's correspondent adds that the airmen returned scathless, though they were violently cannonaded by the forts at Metz. On the way back they met and chased three anti-aircraft, which they forced to descend.

Ten bombs were dropped on a powder magazine at Rothwell (?), with the result that a great red flame shot up, surmounted by dense smoke.

Ten bombs, also, were dropped on the railway works at Leopoldshöhe, in Bade, which is engaged in manufacturing shells.

RUSSIAN DESTROYERS BUSY IN THE BLACK SEA.

LONDON, April 18.

An official Petrograd communiqué announces that Russian destroyers in the Black Sea sank four Turkish steamers and several sailing vessels off the Anatolian coast (in Asia Minor) and attacked the Turkish batteries at Sounogoulak.

FRENCH AVIATOR'S NOTABLE EXPLOIT.

KILLS TWO GERMANS.

LONDON, April 17.

The latest exploit of the famous aviator Garros occurred at Dunkirk yesterday morning.

Learning that a German aeroplane had been sighted Garros gave chase. After much jockeying for position, he swooped down from above behind at a height of 4,500 feet, and reserved his fire till within 20 yards. Both bullets wore of the utmost effect, killing the aviator and observer.

Garros was alone.

THE DUTCH FIRE ON ZEPPELINS.

LONDON, April 16.

Three Zeppelins were sighted whilst flying over some islands off the Dutch coast, returning from the direction of England. One passed straight over Vlieland and was fired at, but was not hit.

FRENCH CRUISERS OFF SYRIA.

LONDON, April 16.

An official Paris communiqué states that French cruisers have destroyed the bridge connecting Saint John Dacra with the railway to the interior of Syria.

THE CONDITION OF INDIA.

LONDON, April 16.

Sir L. S. Jameson, President of the British South Africa Company, returning homeward from a trip to India, interviewed by Reuter's representative at Port Said, said that except for insignificant and isolated local raids the whole of India was perfectly quiet, and apparently not affected by the war at all. The German propaganda had miserably failed, and the best spirit prevails everywhere.

Referring to South Africa, Sir L. S. Jameson remarked that he had been much impressed by the remarkable way General Sir Louis Botha and Major-General Smuts had got the situation in hand, and he was convinced they had now turned the corner. South Africa would have no doubt as to the issue, thanks to the strong policy of Botha and Smuts, who had proved their loyalty and kept their word.

NOTABLE FRENCH VICTORIES.

LONDON, April 17.

A Paris evening communiqué says that three German counter-attacks at Notre Dame-de-Lorette and one at Les Earges have been repulsed.

In an artillery duel at Montreuil Wood we silenced three batteries and exploded their ammunition.

BY TELEGRAPH.

ON THE EASTERN FRONT.

THE TSAR.

LONDON, April 17.

The Tsar has left for the front.

PRZEMYSŁ BOOTHY.

LONDON, April 17.

It is officially announced that the total number of guns captured at Przemyśl was 1,010. The majority are of bronze, which are Austria's great pride.

THE RUMOURED AUSTRO-RUSSIAN PEACE.

LONDON, April 16.

The official organ *Fremdenblatt* declares, says an Amsterdam telegram, that the reports of the Austrian intention to conclude a separate peace with Russia are devoid of foundation.

TURKEY ISSUING EXCHEQUER NOTES.

LONDON, April 16.

A message from Constantinople states that the Government has decided to issue "six million" pounds small exchequer notes, with forced currency, redeemable six months after peace has been declared.

AUSTRIAN SOLDIERS IN ITALY.

LONDON, April 17.

Shots Exchanged.

LONDON, April 17.

A telegram from Rome states that fifteen Austrian soldiers entered Italian territory on Thursday night through a pass at Lero, penetrated two miles and returned to Trentino. The Italian Customs officials pursued them, but were unable to overtake them. Shots were exchanged.

AUSTRALIAN PREMIER'S ADVICE.

LONDON, April 16.

In the House of Representatives at Melbourne, the Rt. Hon. Sir Andrew Fisher, the Premier, welcomed Mr. Lewis Harcourt's announcement that the Dominions will be consulted when peace is restored. Mr. Fisher added: "Nevertheless, my advice is, 'Don't wait till then if meeting is possible.'

SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT IN PROSECUTING THE WAR.

LONDON, April 16.

At a Unionist meeting at Birmingham, a proposal by Mr. A. Chamberlain was carried approving of the action of the Unionist leaders in supporting the Government during the present period of national peril, and trusting that the war would be vigorously prosecuted, whatever the cost, until the complete victory of Great Britain and her allies has laid a secure foundation for the peace of Europe.

SOUTH AFRICAN OPERATIONS.

LONDON, April 16, 8.30 p.m.

Reuter's Capetown correspondent telegraphs that the Hon. Mr. J. C. Smuts, Minister of Finance and Minister of Defence, has taken the field direction of the combined operations of the central, southern and eastern forces in German South-West Africa, with the rank of Major-General.

CASUALTIES.

LONDON, April 16.

To-night's list of casualties numbers 700, whereof 367 were killed. Died of wounds—H. Athay, R. I. Mackenzie. Wounded—J. D. McL. Black, E. L. Brown, G. A. Chapman, A. P. Owen, M. S. Richardson.

Killed—G. Holman, Shropshire Light Infantry. Wounded—B. Batty, P. J. Blair, O. Bridges, A. D. Hopkinson, L. J. Lloyd, H. B. Martin, C. Anderson. Unofficially killed—B. B. Combe, Irish Horse. To-day's list is 314.

ON THE EASTERN FRONT.

LONDON, April 16.

An official communiqué reports that in the Carpathians the Russian troops, noiselessly approaching the enemy's entanglements between the villages of Telepoza and Zuelia, broke through them, and, after a brief bayonet encounter, captured two heights, taking numerous prisoners.

The enemy counter-attacked, and the fighting continues.

The enemy delivered persistent attacks in the regions of Rostock (Germany) and Stry (Austria), but these all proved fruitless.

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WM. POWELL, LTD.**THE DIARY.****MEMO. FOR TO-DAY**
9.15 p.m.—"Three Terrible Twins" at the Theatre Royal.**MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.**
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Teakwood and Blackwood Furniture etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough.
3.15 p.m.—"Diana of Dobson's" at the Theatre Royal.**General Memoranda.**WEDNESDAY, April 21.—
9.15 p.m.—"Under Two Flags" at the Theatre Royal.THURSDAY, April 22.—
9.15 p.m.—"A Member of Parliament" at the Theatre Royal.FRIDAY, April 23.—
St. George's Day.

Non.—Union Insurance Society's Meeting.

12.15 p.m.—China Traders Insurance Co.'s Meeting.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Teakwood and Blackwood Furniture etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough.

SATURDAY, April 24.—
12.30 p.m.—H.R.C. Jockey Club Half-yearly Meeting.FRI. 23, SAT. 24 & MONDAY, April 26.—
"The Grotesques" at the Theatre Royal.SUNDAY, April 25.—
H.R.H. Princess Mary's Birthday (1897).TUESDAY, April 26.—
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24 QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG,
Hongkong, 1st & 2nd, 1913.**NEWS OF THE DAY.****LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

Another contingent of Shropshire Territorials reached the Colony yesterday.

The thunderstorm on Saturday afternoon caused the postponement of all sports fixtures.

Volunteer Orders and Far East in Parliament will be found on the back page of this issue.

The April Criminal Sessions opened in the Supreme Court this morning before the acting Pujae Judge, Mr. Justice Hazelton.

3rd Class Master Gunners C. W. Cuthill and J. Watson, R.G.A., of the local garrison have been promoted War-Rank Officers.

A Chinese employed at the Naval Yard who was searched in the street by a Lukong and found to be in possession of a quantity of lead was this morning sent to prison for a month with hard labour.

No case of plague was reported in the Colony last week. The only communicable cases noticed were three each of diphtheria, enteric, and small-pox, resulting in nine deaths. One of the diphtheria patients was a European.

We understand that, through the generosity of Mr. Denman Fuller, who is paying all the expenses in connection with the recent performance of Spohr's "Last Judgment" at St. John's Cathedral, the entire collection (£850) will be given intact to the Prince of Wales' Fund.

The British Society of Tokyo has remitted 500 guineas to the Prince of Wales' Fund. Prince Fusihini, the Baron and Sir W. C. Greene, the British Ambassador, the President of the Society. The amount was almost exclusively contributed by prominent Japanese members.

A beggar this morning was charged with the theft of two shutters from a shop in Queen's Road Central. The complainant said that he hired the man to give his assistance in making fast the shutters and he ran away with them. Defendant was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment and four hours' stocks.

'An unemployed Chinese, living at 56 Strand Street, has been admitted to the Government Civil Hospital, suffering from a stab wound in the abdomen. He asserts that he was decoyed by two men in the Mon Kok district, who asked him to go for a walk. When they had enticed him to a suitable spot they attacked him with knives with the intention of murdering him. He shouted for help and the would-be assassins ran away.

About 1 a.m. yesterday a Chinese sergeant noticed that fire had broken out on the top floor of 85, Ko Shing Street. He ran up the stairs and saw two women and three men coming down. The constable put the fire out and noticed a brush saturated with kerosene oil while it was found in another place. While he was engaged in putting out the fire the men and women disappeared. The evidence points to the outbreak having been committed wilfully.

The story of an exciting chase and capture of a Chinese snatcher was told to Mr. Lindell this morning at the Magistrate's office. Mrs. R. Fagundo, St. George's House. While she was near the Central Market, a Chinese came from behind her and tore from her blouse a gold watch which she was wearing, and started to run. Mrs. Fagundo raised the alarm and she and a policeman attached to one of the river steamers gave chase. The snatcher ran in the direction of the pier and along several steps in the hope of eluding his pursuers. Eventually he was taken into the Yau Ma Tei Police Station.

A man was caught with the snatcher in Lukong. During the chase the man was seen to throw away the watch, which was recovered. Mr. Lindell sentenced the defendant to three months' imprisonment and four hours' stocks.

An armed robbery is reported to have taken place at the Tan Yuk village in the Chin Wan district during the week-end. A grain cutter and his friends while sleeping in their house were alarmed by the incursion into the premises of a band of robbers numbering eight. Two carried choppers and the others held torches. compelling the occupant to be quiet, they ransacked the house and stole money and articles to the value of £37. The robbers then went away to the other end of the village, where they attempted to loot another house, but the occupier fled and shouted. The robbers decamped, but not before they had severely wounded the man with bamboo. The robbers made off in the direction of Ko Pak Kau.

On March 4, the launch took place at South Shields of the passenger and cargo steamer built to the order of the P. & O. N. Company for their local requirements at Singapore. The vessel is 220 ft. in length by 35 ft. beam by 22 ft. deep to the deck and has been specially built and fitted for service in the tropical waters. Accommodation for 150 passengers of saloon and bathroom are provided on the shade deck amidships. The crew are berthed forward and the natives in the shade deck aft. The machinery, which is of the vertical triple surface condensing type, will be supplied from Shilds, the cylinders being 17½, 22, and 47 in. by 30 in. stroke. The launching ceremony was performed by Mrs. E. W. Glover of London, the vessel being named the Mata Hari.

To-night another farcical comedy, "Those Terrible Twins" will be presented.

Kind regards to all,
Yours,

E. W. E.

CIVIL SERVANT DROWNED.

News reached the Colony on Saturday of his death by drowning of Mr. William Dohle, a building overseer in the Public Works Department. Mr. Dohle went to Sydney and while bathing at North Steyne, Manly, went beyond the danger buoy and was carried away by a strong current.

Observers on the beach put out life boats and swam after him, and he was ultimately brought ashore unconscious. Several people, including a doctor, tried for an hour to induce respiration but their efforts were unsuccessful.

Mr. Dohle had been in the service of the Government since October, 1902, and went on leave in July last year. His leave had almost expired when an accident occurred.

GYMKHANA TRAINING NOTES.**CORRESPONDENCE.**

(We do not necessarily concur in opinions expressed by correspondents.—Ed.)

BOXING.

Sir,—Regarding the letter of the 17th inst. in a contemporary, signed by "Multum in Parvo" it appears to be a little recalled for, and a bit spiteful against the "Kid" who during the time has appeared in the local "ring" has always been as good a sport as one could wish to see.

I am known him for the last 12 years, and in every game which by the way have been fairly numerous, he has always put up as good a fight as could be seen anywhere in the world, and although he may be a "veteran" of the ring, he is still on the right side, and is sport enough to want to meet any featherweight in the Colony for a side stake.

Such men as Christie, Ryan, Newman, Bell and Bill Lewis had a pretty good opinion of our old friend, "Kid"—whose sparring with all these men surely makes him know a few odds and ends of the game.

He was only recently telling me that the promoters have cut down things to a very fine point about purses and that in the old days it was worth while going into the ring, but that in these hard times the purse is of very small dimensions—but notwithstanding this he is still sport enough to want to "mix" at all and any time if only someone would be game enough to meet him.

He particularly mentioned "Hughie" Cruttell, who was the man of the moment, and so boomed up last year, and who is said to be making a visit to the Colony shortly.

Evidently "Multum in Parvo" knows a little of the game from a ring side seat view, but I am quite willing to match the veteran "Kid" for a side stake against any featherweight he may be able to produce.

Yours faithfully,
Old Skool.

Hongkong, April 19.

A BAD RECORD.

No less than eighteen convictions were recorded to be recorded against Emanuel Sequira when he was charged at the Magistrate's this morning with vagrancy. The evidence showed that defendant last night annoyed certain people in Caine Road on their way to Church by begging.

The Magistrate ordered the defendant to the House of Detention.

Sequira said he wished to go to the Detention House, but before doing so he asked that the Police might go with him and help to secure his effects.

Inspector MacDonald in charge of the case, said that he would willingly go with the defendant but he would not like to take his effects for certain reasons.

The defendant replied that he had a mat and some other effects.

The officer added the defendant shamed a mat with a Chinese emblem in Guttsch Street which was well-known as a beggar's haunt. Defendant pointed out, would have an opportunity of leaving the Detention House every day to look after his own affairs.

WELLINGTON STREET AFFAIR.**Frightened Robbers Bolt.**

An attempted robbery in Wellington Street, which was frustrated by the inmates raising an alarm, which frightened the robbers, had its sequel in the Criminal Sessions this morning. Mr. Justice Lau, Ho Yau, and Ho Yau, were charged before Mr. Justice Hazzard and a judge with assault with intent to rob.

The following jury was sworn in—Messrs Philip Plage (Foreman) C. E. for Remedies, Joseph Gardner, Abdool Currim, A. A. Gutteris, R. S. Judd, Isaac Turner, The Attorney-General (Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp) prosecuted, prisoners being undefended.

Describing the affair to the jury, the Attorney General said a number of men went to the rooms of a woman named Cheung Ho, at 184, Wellington Street, third floor, on March 28, and Lau Ju represented that he had a letter for her.

The man and another went inside, while other armed men remained outside. Lau Ju did not produce the letter so Cheung Ho asked what he wanted, and was immediately attacked, thrown down in a cupboard and vagraged. An alarm was raised, and becoming frightened the robbers ran away without stealing anything. Lau Ju was caught by a district watchman and looking as he was escaping down the stairs, and the other two robbers were arrested by the police in a house at Hang Wun Street at same night. When the police arrived they tried to escape and one jumped over a partition into the kitchen, but was caught there. The trial of the third prisoner will not give the jury much trouble because he confessed to the police that he went to the house with the others, though he did not go in. He said he went up a few steps of the stairs, but hearing a cry of "Save life," ran away.

There was no direct evidence against Ho Wa and Ho Yau, but the principal tenant of the Hang Wun lane tenement in which they lived would say that on March 21 all the prisoners rented one cubicle, in which they lived together.

After the tiffin adjournment the first prisoner called two witnesses in his defense, with the object of proving an alibi. One, a cook employed in a Chinese restaurant, who was made the opportunity of a very topical display—France, Belgium, Russia, Japan, the Red Cross Nurse, and a clausen of prisoner, he left the court at the close of the examination. He called as the witness a little older witness accompanied by his son, the Kan U Tong theatre. During the performance prisoner left to buy cigarettes, and after waiting an hour, witness went out in search of him, but failing to find him returned to the shop that night to sleep.

The manager of a California goods shop was also called but it appeared that he was not in the Colony on the day of the attempted robbery. He was a clausen of the prisoner, but he could not remember when he last saw him, as so many people visited the shop.

The jury, after considering their verdict in private, unanimously found the first, third and fourth prisoner guilty; and by a majority of six to one they also found the second prisoner guilty.

His Lordship remarked that it was a very bad case.

The Attorney-General agreed, and said the prisoner especially had against the first defendant, who was evidently responsible for the assault.

His Lordship hard labour sentences for which Aberdeen had hitherto cared could not pay prices justifying so high an outlay, and the inference was that the purchases were made from motives then unknown to us. No means were spared to attract German trawlers to British ports. Hundreds of heavy catches

SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, March 18.

CLYDE ENGINEERS' DISPUTE.

It is gratifying to find some indication of improvement in the position of labour generally in Scotland. The ballot of the Clyde members of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers on the question of submitting their claim for an advance of wages to the new Arbitration Board shows a substantial favourable majority. The percentage of the men who have voted is small, and this is a matter for regret, because it suggests a possibility of fresh trouble in the future. But it is a great gain, on the whole, to introduce arbitration during war, and the more so when it may regard such a question as that of the pay of workers as an assurance that their demands will be consistent with absolute fairness.

For the moment the Clyde engineers will continue at work. The best that can be urged on their behalf is that they "downed tools" without proper reflection of the consequences to the Commonwealth engaged in a life and death struggle; the worst that can be said is that they weighed their patriotism in balance, and that the flogging in dispute turned the scale.

And the engineers have not been living in the back woods these seven strenuous months; they are not illiterate, it is to reflect upon their intelligence to suggest that they have only been able to apprehend that something of value has occurred which favours an agitation for more money and less labour. They know the value of the money, and we are afraid that to be said in the interests of the men is not knowledge, but the moral power of public opinion that is slowly compelling a return to the workshops. It is believed that the promise of a war medal has had something to do with the better attitude of the men on the Clyde. But of course this appeals more to some workers than to others. Judging by the display of war service buttons on the shipbuilding and engineering suburbs on the Clyde, the younger men, at any rate, are keen to be known as veterans, and the gravity of the present position of the country-home to the Clyde workers, and there should be little more heard for a time of any slackening in the turning out of Government orders.

POSSUMS IN THE TRENCHES.

As I sit in a trench, with my 'ands arf froze.

An' me face all covered wiv clay:

As I sit in a trench wiv rabbittoes toes,

A-drawin' me bol'day.

I think o' them blocks in Glasgow town

Wat' makes the ships a-gone,

A-strikin' for pay wot I don't get,

For fightin' them bloomin' 'ns.

A-strikin' for money wot I don't get

A-strikin' for extra pay.

Refusin' to make the weppin' we want

For to keep them Germans away.

Poor, perishin' blighters—well, they don't know.

Know.

Cos' why? Cos' they never a'seen

The women and children I've come a-scout,

Wherever them Froesians a've been.

The crits that I've heard would soften the heart.

Of the cruellest devil in 'ell;

The nights that I've seen are beyond the tongue.

O mortal man to tell,

Git back to yer work, y' selfish swine,

An' force a'some o' you two;

Fr' it's brighter like me, wiv frozen feet,

Wot's keepin' the devils from your

Flobaireachd, in "Glasgow Herald."

AUSTRALIA AND THE WAR.

The Rev. Dr. Kelman, one of the best known clergymen in Scotland, has just received a long voyage to Australia and is giving a glowing account of the outbreak of patriotism.

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

GERMANS ADMIT DEFEAT IN BELGIUM AND ALSACE.

THE LATEST CASUALTIES.

BRITISH SUBMARINE SINKS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

GERMANS ADMIT DEFEAT IN BELGIUM AND ALSACE

LONDON, April 18, 7.10 p.m.
An Amsterdam telegram says that a Berlin communiqué admits the British success yesterday night south-east of Ypres. The German communiqué says: After mine explosions the British penetrated our positions north of the canal, and a battle continues around the three craters.

The communiqué adds that south-west of Metzeral, in Alsace, the Germans withdrew before superior forces.

CASUALTIES.

LONDON, April 18, 7.10 p.m.
Among the latest casualties reported are the following:
Killed.—A. Collins Browne, E. J. F. Johnston, 2nd-Lieut. C. Vincent, Rifle Brigade; Lieut. W. Whittle, Worcester, T. H. H. Hood.
Wounded.—G. W. Fraser, H. E. Hale, C. E. Leigh, Brigadier F. S. Maude, W. H. Rogers, Station, D. B. Stewart, Artillery.

BRITISH SUBMARINE COMES TO GRIEF.

LONDON, April 18, 6.15 p.m.
An Amsterdam correspondent states that a Constantinople communiqué announces that the submarine E15 has been sunk in the Dardanelles. Three officers and 21 men of the crew of 31 were rescued and captured, the prisoners including the British ex-Vice-Consul to the Dardanelles.

GERMAN ATTACK REPULSED IN ALSACE.

LONDON, April 18, 4.35 p.m.
A Paris communiqué states:
After a violent bombardment, a German battalion attacked to the north-west of Obernay, in Alsace, but was repulsed. The enemy left many dead in front of our trenches, and we made a number of prisoners.
A Belgian aeroplane wrecked a German aeroplane near Roulers.
One of our air squadrons successfully bombarded an aerodrome in the same region.

THE ATTACK ON A BRITISH TRANSPORT.

THE LOSS OF LIFE.

LONDON, April 18, 1.40 a.m.
The Admiralty announce that twenty-four people belonging to the "Manitou" were drowned and that twenty-seven are missing.
The loss of life is apparently owing to the capsizing of two of the "Manitou's" boats.
The "Manitou" herself was undamaged.
(An earlier telegram referring to the incident will be found on page 30.)

THE ITALIAN-AUSTRIAN FRONTIER INCIDENT.

AT LEAST 100 KILLED.

LONDON, April 18, 9.30 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Paris announces that a telegram from Milan says that Austrian troops on the Italian frontier attacked the 11th Bersaglieri, which repulsed their assailants and followed them 200 yards into Austrian territory. The losses on both sides are said to include at least a hundred killed. The Colonel of the Bersaglieri regiment has been ordered to Rome to report the incident.

AIRSHIP RECONNOITRING IN SUEZ VICINITY.

LONDON, April 18, 9.30 a.m.
The Press Bureau announces that at Cairo three aeroplanes from the Suez Canal reconnoitred on the 15th inst. around Elsir for twenty-five miles south of Elsir, effectively dropping nine bombs on about 150 or 200 tents. No enemy troops were seen on this side of Elsir. The distance flown was over 170 miles.

ENGAGED IN RECONNAISSANCE WORK.

LONDON, April 18, 6.10 p.m.
It is stated by the Press Bureau that the British submarine E15 was engaged in a difficult reconnaissance off the Kephesh minefield in the Dardanelles when she ran ashore.
An official Constantinople communiqué states that the men were rescued and made prisoners.

GERMANS SUFFER SEVERAL DEFEATS.

LONDON, April 19, 2.30 a.m.
The Paris evening communiqué states: The day has been comparatively quiet—principally artillery duels and local infantry actions. Our artillery arrested a German attack upon St. Mard wood, in the valley of the Aisne. We charged with the bayonet, inflicting severe losses on the enemy. Several weak German attacks in the forest of Parroy, Loraine, were easily repulsed. The Germans in Alsace thrice unsuccessfully attacked our trenches at Little Reichackerkopf.

RUSSIANS OVERTHROW EIGHTEEN DAYS' PERSISTENT ATTACKS.

LONDON, April 19, 2.10 a.m.
A Petrograd official states: After eighteen days' persistent attack we captured on April 4 the principal chain of the Carpathians on a front from Reghethoff to Volosseata, seventy miles long. The fighting since that date has been chiefly in the nature of isolated actions, with the object of consolidating our gains. We captured between March 19 and April 12, 70,000 prisoners, including 900 officers, 30 guns, and 200 machine guns.

BY TELEGRAPH.

RECRUITING IN IRELAND.

PROCEEDING "LIKE A HOUSE ON FIRE."

LONDON, April 18, 9.20 p.m.
Dr. Dillon, M.P., speaking at Glasgow, congratulated Irishmen on their patriotism. To be neutral to-day, he said, was to be hostile or a coward. Recruiting, he added, was now proceeding in Ireland "like a house on fire."

ROUT OF THE TURKS AT SHAIJA.

ENORMOUS LOSSES.

LONDON, April 17.
The Press Bureau announces that the actions in the vicinity of Shaija were completely successful. The enemy is retreating beyond the point pre-

viously mentioned. The British on the 14th inst. captured 200 prisoners, and several machine-guns. The Turks, hurriedly retreating, abandoned large quantities of tons of equipment stores, 700,000 rounds of rifle ammunition, and 450 boxes of gun ammunition.

Prisoners state that the enemy consisted of two Divisions of regular infantry and 32 guns, irrespective of Arab tribesmen.

GERMAN AEROPLANES DROP BOMBS ON TRAWLERS.

LONDON, April 18, 8.20 p.m.
A telegram from Flushing states that German aeroplanes dropped bombs over two British trawlers and afterwards fired on them, without any result.

THE AUSTRIAN ARMY.

CHARGE OF AGE LIMITS.

LONDON, April 18.
It is officially announced in Vienna that in view of the possibility of the prolongation of the war, and in order to secure the necessary reserves with liability for service, the age for the untrained Landsturm will henceforward be from 18 to 50 years. Hitherto, it has been from 19 to 42.

CASUALTIES.

LONDON, April 17.
The following additional list of casualties is published.—

Killed: G. H. Cotter Ledger; A. R. Newton King.
Died of wounds: L. Edwards (Lincoln).
Wound: W. E. Henry, F. G. Drew; V. Farrell; A. M. Gordon; L. J. Fleming; N. Lethbridge; C. Littledale; Major W. A. Main; Lieut. C. Marsh Smith (Buffs).

GREEK STEAMER TORPEDOED.

LONDON, April 18.
The Admiralty have learnt that the Greek steamer *Ellis Pontos*, from Ymuiden for Montevideo, was torpedoed in the North Sea.

The crew were saved and are returning to Holland.

THE ATTACK ON THE ELLIS PONTOS.

LONDON, April 18, 8.20 p.m.
A telegram from Flushing states that the crew of Ellis Pontos declare that they were twice torpedoed without warning when west of the Noordhinder Lighthouse yesterday evening. The vessel was empty. The crew rowed 2½ hours before they reached Koordinhinder. The captain, who was badly wounded, has been sent to hospital.

THE KATWIJ.

LONDON, April 17.
The Dutch Government has sent a protest to Germany against the sinking of the Katwij.

DARDANELLES OPERATIONS.

OCCUPATION OF MITILENE.

LONDON, April 17.
The Times correspondent at Mytilene says that ten battleships approached Enos, towed the bay and destroyed a Turkish camp.

It is believed that the occupation of Mytilene and Chios is imminent.
[Enos is a Turkish port, on the Aegean Sea, at the mouth of the Maritsa, which divides Turkey from Bulgaria and Chios is an island off the west coast of Asia Minor.]

STRASBURG BOMBED.

LONDON, April 17.
Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent telegraphs that a telegram from Strasbourg says that a hostile airship disappeared northward. The airship was seen by the aid of searchlights and was bombarded by anti-aircraft guns.

Two persons were wounded by the bombs and considerable damage done.

BOMBS DROPPED IN SWISS TERRITORY.

LONDON, April 17.
It is announced that German airmen have again dropped bombs on Swiss territory near Beurnevisin. Switzerland is sending a protest to Germany.

A DESPERATE BAYONET FIGHT.

LONDON, April 17.
A Petrograd communiqué states:—

We consolidated our positions between Telepotsch and Znelia after a desperate bayonet fight in which we captured the heights which the Austrians had organised. We took 1,140 prisoners, including 24 officers, and three machine guns.

The enemy suffered great losses in making abortive counter-attacks.

We successfully repulsed the enemy in the region of Stryi.

THE SULTAN'S SORROW.

And the Young Turks' Fury.

LONDON, April 17.

The Times states that at a Council of the Imperial Family, at Constantinople, the Sultan, who appeared to be greatly overcome, said that he owed his accession to the Young Turks, but he would have preferred never to have reigned than to see the misfortunes which their inexperience and rash policy had brought upon the country.

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ARMED ROBBERY CHARGE.

Lukong Threatened with Revolver.

HEAVY SENTENCE IMPOSED.

On two charges of participating in an armed robbery at Shanghai Street, Yuan-mai, on December 5, and of threatening a lukong who apprehended him with a revolver, stamped with a licence number, Pil-otter was not arrested till three or four months later, and he threatened the lukong who apprehended him with the very revolver that was stolen, and but for the officer's quickness would undoubtedly have shot him, as the weapon was loaded in all five chambers. Prisoner was picked out from a row of ten men at the police station by both the shop manager and the accountant as being one of the robbers, and it was probably upon this evidence that the charge of robbery was preferred.

The jury found the prisoner guilty of both charges and he was sentenced to seventeen years' imprisonment—fifteen years' and twelve strokes with the cat on the first charge, and two years' on the second.

His Lordship commanded the lukong who arrested the prisoner to the notice of the police authorities for his bravery in tackling the man when threatened with a revolver.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

EPSOM RACES.

LONDON, April 17.

There will be no telegraphing facilities at Epsom race next week. Telegrams will have to be carried a mile.

SOUTH AFRICAN FINANCE.

LONDON, April 17.

Router's Cape Town correspondent telegraphs that the Government has decided to double the Income Tax.

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PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

WILL despatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on or about the DATES named—

STEAMERS	To Sail	STEAMERS	To Sail
London, via CHALK PORT & MALTA	Now	See Special Cape G. G. SHAW, L.N.E.	Third Apr. advertisement
SHANGHAI	SARDINA	Daylight	Freight and Passage.
LONDON via S. F. & P. & N.	10 a.m.		
CALIFORNIA PORT SAID & MORE	28th Apr.		
CHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, NAGOYA & YOKOHAMA	About		
(Capt. W. H. STEVENS, L.N.E.)	10th May		

Subject to immediate alteration without Notice.
All the above steamers are fitted with Wireless Telegraphy.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

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REGULAR SERVICE, PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
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THE AMERICAN LINE TO TACOMA AND SEATTLE

 in connection with THE CHICAGO MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL RAILWAY
FOR VICTORIA B.C. AND TACOMA VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOYACHI AND YOKOHAMA.

S.S. "TACOMA MARU" ... Capt. T. Hamada ... Friday, 23rd April at 3 p.m.
S.S. "PANAMA MARU" ... Capt. J. Kaneko ... Monday, 26th April at 3 p.m.

These Newly-Built Steamers of American Line have fair speed and are fitted with the Wireless Apparatus. Best adapted rooms for carrying Silk, Treasure and Parcels.

For BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO

S.S. "INDIA MARU" ... Capt. D. Fuchigami ... Monday, 26th April at 7 a.m.

S.S. "JAVA MARU" ... Capt. D. Fuchigami ... Thursday, 29th April at 7 a.m.

For TAMSUI and KEELUNG via SWATOW and AMOY.

S.S. "TAIWAN MARU" ... Capt. Y. Yamamoto ... Sunday, 25th April at Noon.

S.S. "DALIAN MARU" ... Capt. K. Murakami ... Sunday, 2nd May, at Noon.

For ANPING and TAKOW via SWATOW and AMOY.

S.S. "SOSHU MARU" ... Capt. A. Kobayashi ... Wednesday, 29th April, at 10 a.m.

FOR HAIPHONG (DIRECT).

S.S. "DAIGI MARU" Captain S. Tokushige, leaving on WEDNESDAY, the 1st April at 10 a.m.

S.S. "KEIJO MARU" Captain Imaizumi leaving on MONDAY, the 26th April at 10 a.m.

These Steamers of Coast and Foreign Line have excellent accommodation for first class passengers and are fitted with Electric Light and Fans. These Steamers will arrive at and depart from the Soon Yip Wharf near the Harbour Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, APPLY TO—

Y. ASAI, Manager,
Second Floor No. 1, Queen's Building.

THE EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.

MAIL SERVICE TO AUSTRALIA, via MANILA.

MAIL SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION)

ARRIVES HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA	LEAVES HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA
EASTERN	13th May, at 11 a.m.
ALDENHAM	28th April, 21st May.

The above Steamers are fitted with Refrigerating Machinery, ensuring a plentiful supply of Ice, Fresh Provisions, etc., and are lighted throughout with Electricity. All State Rooms have Electric Fans. A duly qualified Doctor and Stewards are carried.

For further particulars, apply to

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NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS

TAKING Cargo on through Bills of Lading to SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS with transhipment at CALCUTTA, in conjunction with the INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LTD. AND APCAR LINE.

Proposed Sailings from Hongkong.

Steamer from Hongkong, on or about Connecting at Calcutta with on or about

ITOLA 20th April. A Natal Line Steamer Beginning of May.

For Freight and further particulars apply to

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HONGKONG—NEW YORK

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REGULAR Service of Steamers between Japan, Hongkong, Singapore, Batavia, Samarang and Sourabaya. Sails on or about

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S.S. PERSIA	TUESDAY,	18th May	Noon.
S.S. KOREA	WEDNESDAY,	19th May	1pm.
S.S. SIBERIA	TUESDAY,	1st June	1pm.

These steamers are famous for their modern equipment, comfort, and the superiority of the cuisine, which is under the personal supervision of Mr. C. G. Smith, the Master Chef, who has a large staff of expert cooks and waiters. Berths are provided with electric heat and running water. Berths covered with electric reading lamps. Numerous swimming saloons, a well equipped swimming tank, Turkish bath, deck games, dances, etc.,—a dull moment throughout the trip.

The Safety and Comfort of Passengers is Our First Consideration.

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R. C. MORTON, Agent,
King's Building (opposite Blake Pier), Telephone No. 35.

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SAN FRANCISCO LINE.

via SHANGHAI MANILA, the INLAND SEA, JAPAN & HONOLULU.

Sailings from Hongkong—Subject to change without notice.

Steamer Displacement Tons & Speed. Leaves Hongkong.

* NIPPON MARU 11,000-18 knots Tues., 27th April at 10.30 a.m.

SHINYO MARU 32,000-31 knots Tues., 11th May at Noon.

CHIYO MARU 22,000-31 knots Tues., 8th June at Noon.

TENYO MARU 32,000-31 knots Tues., 29th June at Noon.

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First Class to London 4/1-10. Return (5 months) £120.

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SEIYO MARU 14,000-15 knots Wednesday, 13th May.

For full particulars as to Passage and Freight apply to

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA (THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

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WEDNESDAY, 21st May.

THURSDAY, 22nd April.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 1915.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction.

TUESDAY,

the 26th April 1915, commencing
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A QUANTITY OF
VALUABLE TEAKWOOD AND
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As follows:-

Drawing Room Suites, Bedroom Furniture, Dining Room Furniture, Arm-chairs and Sofas, Carpets and Rugs, Brass and Brass-mounted Bedsteads, Toilet Tables, Washstands, Wardrobes, Sideboards, Dinner Waggon Extension Dining Table and Chairs, etc., etc., Dinner and Dessert Services, Crockery, Glass and E.P. Ware, Cooking Stoves, Cutlery, etc., etc.

Also

Blackwood Cabinets, 1 fine 4 fold Blackwood Screen (Porcelain Panels), and Blackwood Fire Screen, Stands, Teapots, Sets, etc., Two Piano One by Arthur Allard & Co. and One by Steinberg, Metz & Co., etc., etc.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue.)

Terms:-As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, April 12, 1915.

AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (for account of the concerned),

FRIDAY,

the 23rd April, 1915, at 11 a.m., at
"Hillside," No. 111, The Peak,

SUNDAY

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
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Consisting of:-

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Chairs, 3 Wardrobes, Writing Tables,
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Ais:-

One Saddle and Electric Table Fan and
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On view from Thursday, the 22nd, at
2.30 p.m.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:-As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

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ARRIVALS.

April 17.

Yukio Maru, Japanese steamer, 2,750
G. Goto, Wakamatsu April 11, Coal—31.

B. G. K.

Natalia, British str., 3,334. W. J. Davis,

San Francisco March 17, Petroleum—

STANDARD OIL CO.

Chien Maru, Japanese steamer, 1,104.

M. Oka, SWALLOW April 10.

Sonja Maru, Japanese str., 1,933. S.

Hirai Karatsu April 12, Flour and Oil—

H. H. K.

April 18.

Nippon Maru, Japanese steamer, 3,461.

K. Hashimoto, San Francisco, March 20,

Mails and General—Toro Kuro Kanki

Rubi, American str., 1,400. J. Miller,

Saigon April 14, Rice—CHINESE

Hausen, British str., 841. A. H. Stewart,

Foochow April 16, Amoy 16, and Swatow

17. General—DONALD STEAMSHIP CO. LTD.

Eumenia, British str., 4,263. F. Bastons,

Liverpool March 10, and Singapore April

13. General—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE

Daizumi Maru, Japanese str., 1,936. F.

Fukui, Miike April 10, Coal—M. B. G. E.

Chengyan, British str., from Canton

Huichot, British str., from Canton

April 19.

Eiger, Norwegian str., 873. E. Finsen,

Dalby April 12, Beans and Bean-oil—

CHINESE

Chunyang, British steamer, 1,418. C. J.

Mattock, Bangkok April 11, Rice—

JARDENS, MATTHEWS & CO. LTD.

Alvina, British str., 2,463. W. Dunbar,

Chiuwang April 12, Coal—DOWDELL &

CO. LTD.

Kingyang, British steamer, 1,121. E. L.

Jones, Shanghai April 15, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE

King Yang, Chinese str., 1,742. Howie,

Shanghai April 15, General—C. M. S. N.

Co.

Emerson, British str., 2,349.

London and Singapore April 13, General—

GIBSON, LIVERPOOL & CO. LTD.

King Yang, British steamer, 2,077. F. Carter,

Sydney March 29, General—GIBSON,

LIVERPOOL & CO. LTD.

King Yang, British steamer, 2,077. F. Wheeler,

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